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In re Patent Application of:
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POLYBUTADIENE RUBBER AND
RUBBER COMPOSITION

Examiner: Hui H. Chin

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)
TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE
(ISSUE FEE PAID)

Applicants hereby request that the above application, in which the issue fee was paid on May 5, 2010, be withdrawn from issue in order to consider the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement being submitted herewith. In support of this Petition, Applicants submit:

(a) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Petition fee of \$130 to Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. **209369.0120**); and

(b) The following showing of good and sufficient reasons why withdrawal of the application from issue is necessary.

The withdrawal of the application from issue is necessary in order to consider an additional reference and Chinese Office Action. This reference, which is submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith, could not have been submitted earlier because it was received by Applicants' undersigned U.S. attorney on May 20, 2010. Accordingly, this Petition and the accompanying RCE Request and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were filed as quickly as possible. Moreover, the reference was cited in a Chinese Office Action that was issued on May 12, 2010, so it would not have been possible to file the Petition and RCE before payment of the issue fee.

An English translation of the reference and Chinese Office Action are being prepared and will be filed separately within approximately two weeks hereof.

In view of the above, grant of this Petition to withdraw the application from issue and consideration of the RCE and Information Disclosure Statement are respectfully solicited.

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